Nursery Schools in the State

66. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Legislative Assembly Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of nursery schools functioning in several areas of the State at present ;

(*b*) whether an annual report on the work done in nursery schools is being submitted to Government by the Department of Public Instruction ;

(*c*) whether copies of the reports for three previous years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67 would be placed on the Table of the House ;

(*d*) whether any qualifications are prescribed for teachers to be employed in nursery schools under the scheme of the primary education ;

(*e*) whether Government are aware that in any scheme of National Education the organisation of pre-primary education is deemed to be an integral part of a sound system of Education ;

(*f*) whether Government hold the view that in the interests of raising the academic standards in primary schools the organisation of pre-primary education on a planed basis is a very desirable and necessary step in achieving our objective ;

(*g*) whether any policy decision has been taken by Government in respect of the spread pre-primary education throughout the state ; both in rural and urban areas ;

(*h*) if not, how soon would such a policy be formulated ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(*a*) 741.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, extract from the administration report pertaining to 1964-65 is appended. The extracts from reports for the other two years will be made available when ready.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The policy of Government is to encourage the starting of private pre-primary institutions and giving them aid subject to availability of funds. Government do not intend starting Government Pre-primary schools in view of the responsibility undertaken by them for implementing the compulsory primary education scheme.

(SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA)

(*h*) Does not arise in view of the reply given to clause (*g*) above.

Extracts

1. Pre-primary or Nursery Education :—

Pre-primary Education in the State for the most part was managed by Private Organisations Grant-in-aid as per rules is paid by Government. But when compared to the area and population of the State, the number of Nursery schools cannot be considered to be adequate.

The total number of Nursery schools in the State as on 31st March 1965 was 432 (397) with a total enrolment of 31,780 (30,261) pupils including 14,564(13,792) Girls, thus registering an increase of 35 institutions and 1,519 pupils and these new schools being opened by private agencies during the year. The number of Government Institutions was 6 as in the previous year.

The total expenditure was Rs. 11,14,353 (Rs. 10,68,896) registering an increase of Rs. 45,457 over that of the previous year. The average cost per child was Rs. 35.06 (Rs. 35.32) as compared to (Rs. 28.14) for the junior Primary Education.

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is this the earliest report available ? Is there no later report available ? I had asked for three years previous.

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—The Administration report relating to the year 1964-65 is appended. That is the only report available at present.

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are there any recognised training institutions in the State for training pre-primary teachers ?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—There are recognised institutions.

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the qualification prescribed for the teachers of the pre-primary schools ?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—S.S.L.C. with nursery training certificate.

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is there all-India recognition for these teacher-training institutions and nursery schools ?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—They are recognised by the all-India Body.

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know which is the all-India body which has recognised this scheme of training ?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I want notice.